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Referred to Committee on Commerce

Introduced by:
(CE)

**AN ACT CONCERNING ASSISTANCE FOR DEFENSE
MANUFACTURERS' SUPPLIERS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 32-235 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3 *1, 2005*):

4 (b) The proceeds of the sale of said bonds, to the extent of the
5 amount stated in subsection (a) of this section, shall be used by the
6 Department of Economic and Community Development for the
7 purposes of sections 32-220 to 32-234, inclusive, including economic
8 cluster-related programs and activities, and for the Connecticut job
9 training finance demonstration program pursuant to sections 32-23uu
10 and 32-23vv provided, (1) three million dollars shall be used by said
11 department solely for the purposes of section 32-23uu and not more
12 than five million two hundred fifty thousand dollars of the amount
13 stated in said subsection (a) may be used by said department for the
14 purposes of section 31-3u, (2) not less than one million dollars shall be
15 used for an educational technology grant to the deployment center
16 program and the nonprofit business consortium deployment center

17 approved pursuant to section 32-41l, (3) not less than two million
18 dollars shall be used by said department for the establishment of a
19 pilot program to make grants to businesses in designated areas of the
20 state for construction, renovation or improvement of small
21 manufacturing facilities provided such grants are matched by the
22 business, a municipality or another financing entity. The commissioner
23 shall designate areas of the state where manufacturing is a substantial
24 part of the local economy and shall make grants under such pilot
25 program which are likely to produce a significant economic
26 development benefit for the designated area, [and] (4) five million
27 dollars may be used by said department for the manufacturing
28 competitiveness grants program, and (5) one million dollars shall be
29 used by said department for the purpose of a grant to the Connecticut
30 State Technology Extension Program, known as CONNSTEP, for the
31 purposes of section 2 of this act.

32 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2005*) The Connecticut State
33 Technology Extension Program, known as CONNSTEP, shall establish
34 a Connecticut Center for Supply Chain Integration to assist at risk
35 small and medium-sized manufacturers in the state that are suppliers
36 for defense manufacturers, to adopt the digital technology and
37 business practices needed to fully participate in the next generation
38 defense supply base. The center shall provide technical and business
39 assistance and training to help such suppliers (1) adopt the state-of-
40 the-market digital manufacturing and information technologies and
41 best business practices and techniques, and (2) eliminate waste caused
42 by poor information flow and counterproductive business practices
43 across multiple buyer and supplier relationships. The center shall work
44 with other state and national resources, including the Connecticut
45 Center for Advanced Technology, the New England Manufacturing
46 Supply Chain Initiative, the National Center for Aerospace Leadership
47 and educational institutions, to help suppliers that are transitioning
48 from a commodity-oriented business model into a value added
49 technology-based model of component and service integration. The
50 center shall carry out the purposes of this section by providing

51 training, on-site assistance and facilities and equipment for suppliers.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	32-235(b)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	New section

CE *Joint Favorable*

FIN *Joint Favorable*